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"THROUGH THESE HALLS OF LEARNING . . . ."

TAPORAPIAN

DEDICATION

To William Browne, our teacher, our confidant, and our friend, we, the Senior Class of 1956, dedicate the Taporapian.

For us Mr. Browne symbolizes the ideals, aspirations, hopes, and successes for which we are striving.

For his faith in us, for his untiring efforts in our behalf, for his genuine understanding of our problems, and for his utmost sincerity and patience, we feel a deep sense of gratitude and affection for one so vital in our lives.

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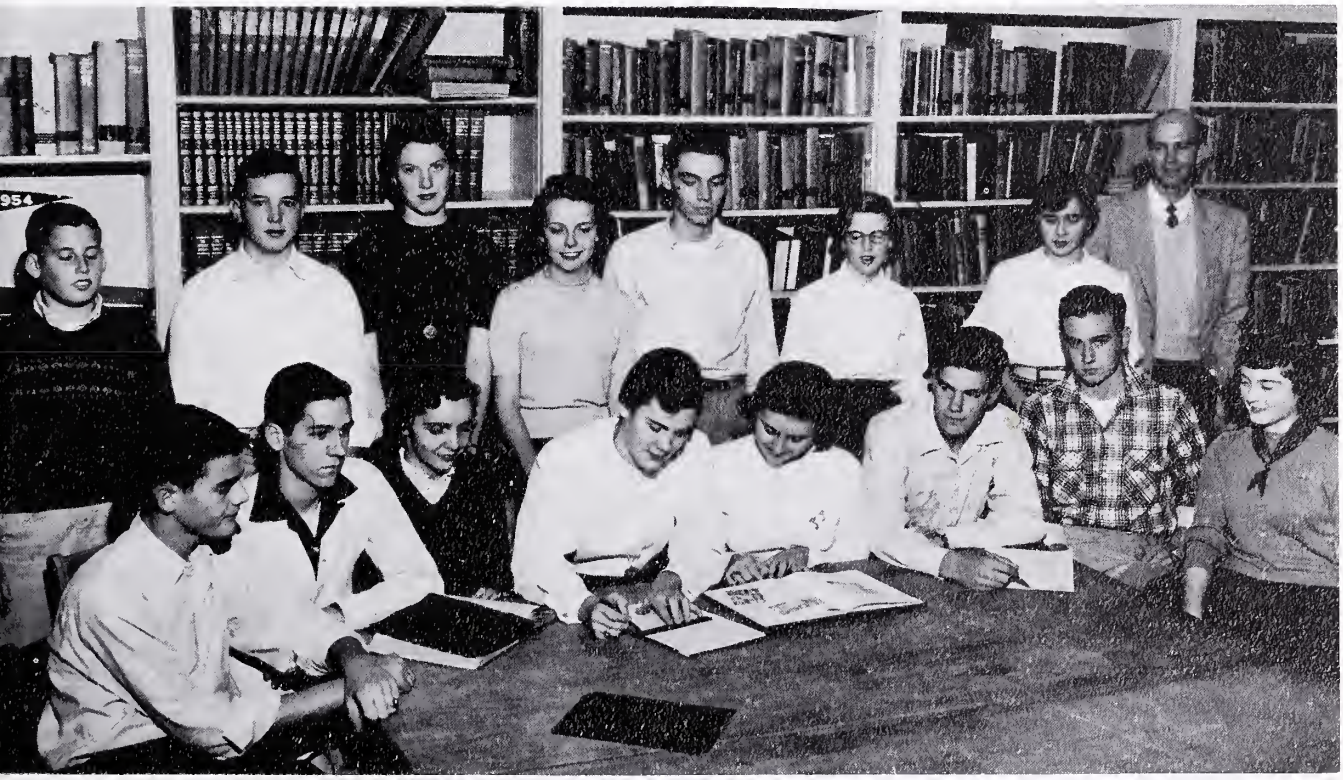
LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Browne, Patricia Lowery, Mae Lynne Brooks, and Ruby Hodges.



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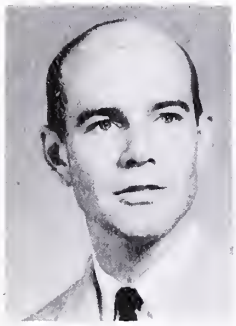
PRINCIPAL

MR. E. W. CHRISTOPHER
College of William and Mary and George Washington University

TO YOU, OUR SENIORS OF 1956, WE EXTEND SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS

Your names, your personalities and your contributions will long be remembered. You have much to be proud of, and you have much for which to be thankful.

You are entering a world full of opportunities, a world full of challenges. As you are called upon to fulfil your peculiar mission in adult life may you seek the guidance and wisdom of the masters and the craftsmen. Above all may you seek the divine guidance that comes only from the giver of every good and perfect gift.



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University of Richmond

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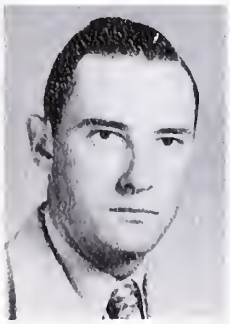
FRANCES DURHAM
Mary Washington



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Mary

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Univ. of Va.,
Madison

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Mary Washington

MARY DURHAM
Longwood,
Madison

LUCY McKINNEY
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RUBY DOGGETT
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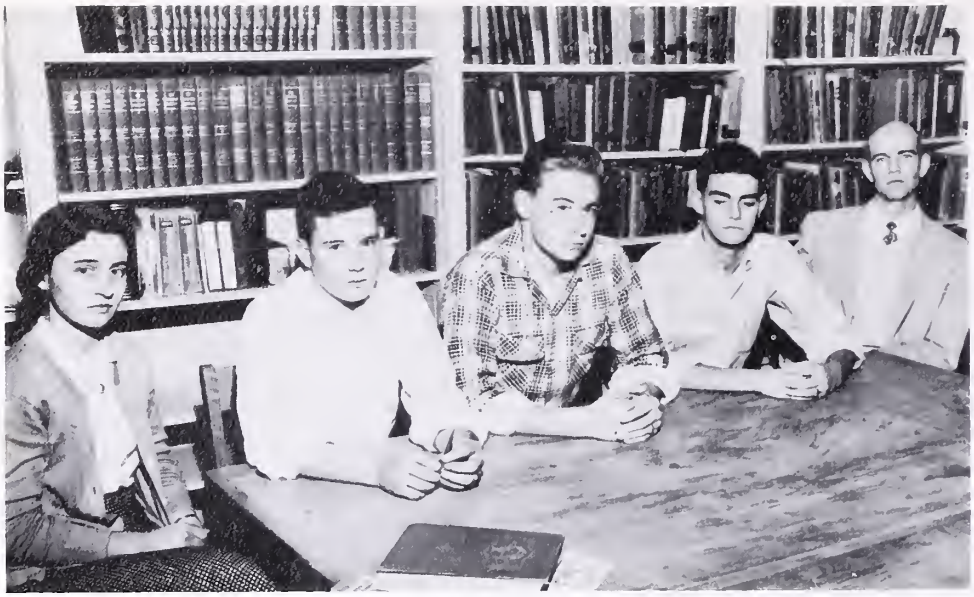
Longwood

CATHERINE WARE
University of Virginia
Mary Washington

CLASS HISTORY



OFFICERS

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Sec.
Billy Ware
Treas. Charlotte Johnson
Sponsor
Mr. Browne

"THE STUDENTS PROGRESS"

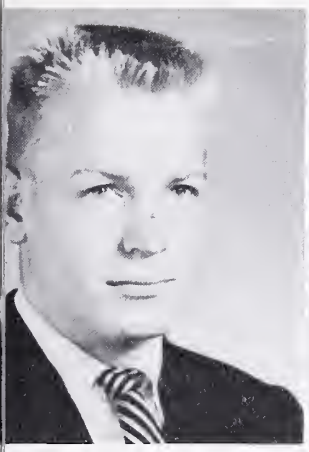
To reach that Celestial goal of graduation, we as freshmen, entered high school with high hopes. Under the guidance of Mr. Dunton and Miss Ware, we were able to overcome most of the temptations and obstacles that faced us. At first, our new surroundings were a little frightening, but after a few weeks we began to "feel at home."

We participated in many of the school functions; we were represented in the May Court, on the girls and boys basketball teams, in the football team and in the various clubs. One of the highlights of the year was the winning of the District Championship by the girls softball team. We were glad that some of our girls had helped to make this the first victory since 1936.

The highlight of our sophomore year was the arrival of our future sponsor and friend, Mr. Browne. School life for us progressively became more eventful. The girls basketball and softball teams won the District Championship, with the able support of members of our class. We began to participate more and more in the school functions, such as the social, athletic and SCA activities.

Our Junior year, Mr. Browne became our sponsor and under his leadership it was a wonderful year for all. We looked forward to the Jr.-Sr. Prom and Banquet and worked hard for the success of these two events. We were well rewarded for our time and efforts. The boys basketball team as well as both of the girls athletic teams won the District Championship. We were proud of our class membership on all these teams. We also enjoyed a trip to Williamsburg as an activity of our American History Class.

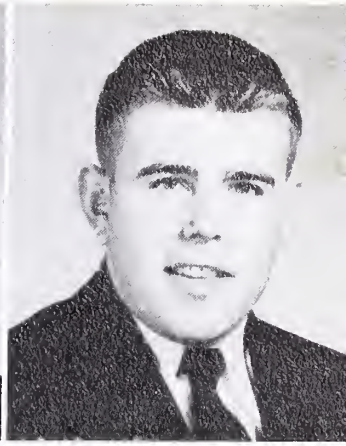
Our senior year was the best of all. Again we looked forward to the prom and banquet, and with Mr. Browne as sponsor once more, we had a most enjoyable year. Some of the highlights besides the two social events, were the senior play and our trips to Richmond and Washington. When graduation finally arrived and our goal had been achieved, we left carrying with us many memories of the past four years, and of our wonderful associations here at THS.



ROBERT HENRY BALDERSON
Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Pres. of Class 1; V-Pres. of FFA 3, Pres. 4; FFA 2, 3, 4.

MAE LYNNE BROOKS
Asso. Editor of Annual 3, Editor 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Delegate to Va. High School Forum 1, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Capt. 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol Lt. 3; S.C.A. Reporter 3; Student Council 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2; F.H.A. 2, 3, Historian 3; May Court 3, 4; S.C.A. Comm. Chr. 2, 4; Football Scorekeeper 3.

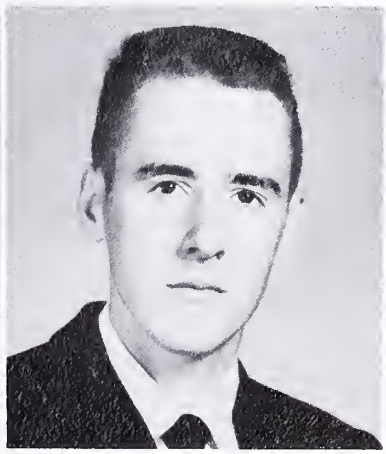
MELVIN LLOYD BROOKS



DUANE LEE BURTON
Science Club 1; Safety Patrol 1, 2; S.C.A. Comm. Chr. 2; Student Council 2; J. V. Basketball 1; Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 3; Baseball 4.

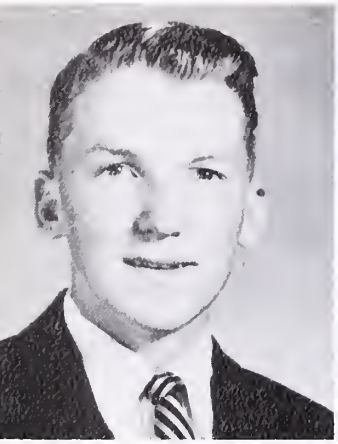
ALFRED RAY CARLTON
Vice Pres. of class 2, 3; 4-H Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Safety Patrol 3, 4.

BETTE LEE COLE
Library Club 1, 2, Treas. 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 2; Treas. 3; Annual 3, 4, Asst. editor 3; May Court 1, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Cheering squad 4; Vice-President S.C.A. 4; S.C.A. comm. chr. 2, 3; National Honor Society.



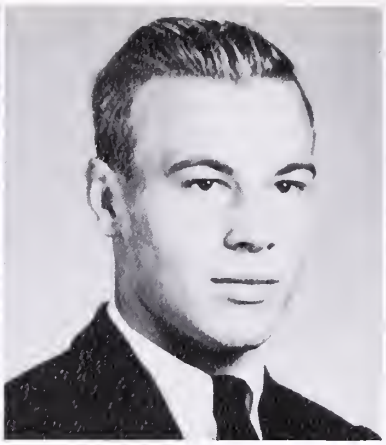
ROBERT DONALD CROXTON
Basketball manager 3; Football manager 3, 4.

PEGGY ANN DAVIS
May Court 3, 4; Delegate to Va. High School Forum 2; Library Club 3, 4.



VINCENT ALEXANDER DAVIS

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treas. 3; Treas. of N.N.Fed. 3; Forestry Judging 1, 2, 3, 4; Poultry Judging team 3, 4.



CLARENCE WARNER ELBROURN

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

LOTTIE MAE ELBOURN

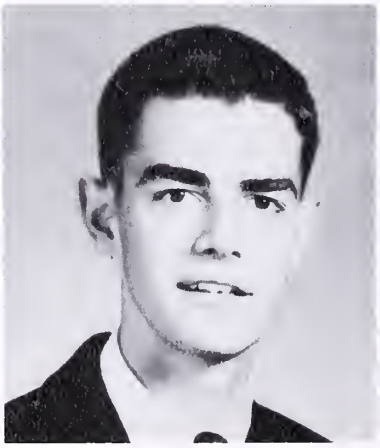
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 3, 4; Delegate to Va. High School Forum 3; Student Council 4; Safety Patrol 4; National Honor Society.

JEAN ELIZABETH ELLIOTT

Glee Club 1; Safety Patrol 3; Basketball 3, 4; Treasurer of Library Club 4.

NINA DeSHIELDS GAWEN

Science Club 1; Delegate to District SCA Convention 1, 3; Library Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3; Sec'y. of Class 2; FHA 2, 3, 4, Sec'y. 3; Treas. 4; Basketball Scorekeeper 2; Cheering Squad 3, 4; May Court 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; SCA Comm. Chr. 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, Asst. Editor 4; National Honor Society.

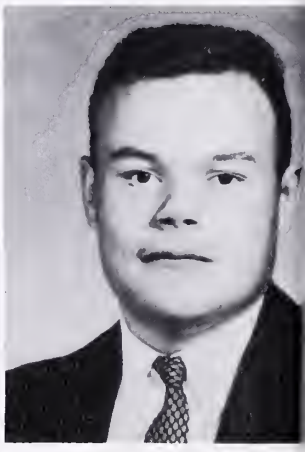


IRVIN LEE GLADDING

Treasurer of Science Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol 3; Class Treas. 3, Vice Pres. 4; Stg. at Arms of Student Council 4; Annual Staff 4.

JAMES CALVIN HAILE

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

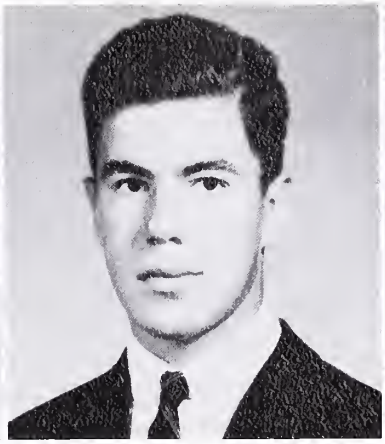


JAMES MORRIS HUTCHINS(

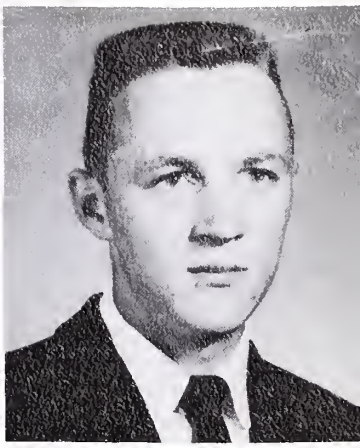
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 3, 4.

ARLOTTE LOUISE JOHNSON
H.A. 4; Treas. of Class 4; ence Club 1; Library Club May Queen 4.

PATRICIA ANN LOWERY
Science Club 1; Basketball 1; Delegate to District S.C.A. Conv. 1, 2, 3, 4, Discussion leader 4, Cheering Squad 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, Pres. 2, Hist. 4; Delegate to Va. H.S. Forum 1; Library Club 2, 3, 4, Pres. 3, V-Pres. 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4, Sec'y. 3; Treas. of S.C.A. 3; Annual Staff 3, 4, Busi. Mgr. 4; Delegate to State S.C.A. Conv. 3; Delegate to Girls State 3; Pres. of Class 3; May Court 1, 3, 4: Safety Patrol 3; Nat. Hon. Soc.



DAVID JUNIUS McCLOSKEY
Pres. of Science Club 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Capt. of Safety Patrol 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Sgt. at Arms 3; Annual Staff 3, 3, Asst. Editor 4.



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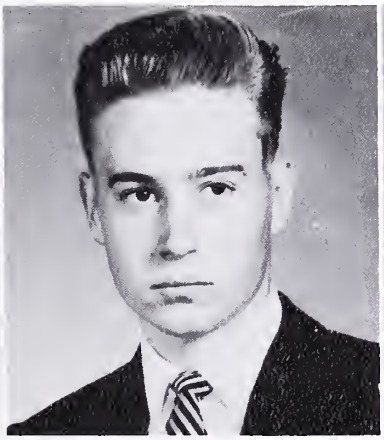
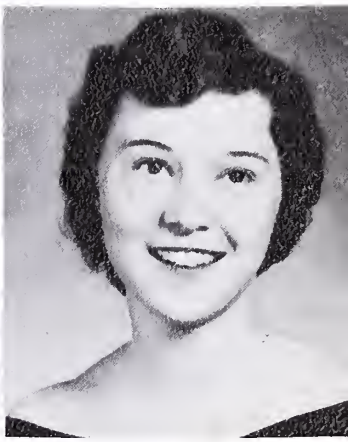
Football 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2.

IETTIE CATHERINE MOORE



BRUCE NANCE PARKER
Science Club 1; J. V. Basketball 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Class Pres. 2, 4; SCA Comm. Chairman 3; Student Council 3; Delegate to Boy's State 3; Annual Staff 4; Safety Patrol 3, 4, Lt. 4; National Honor Society.

SANDRA LEE PARKER
Library Club 2, 3, 4; FHA 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; SCA Comm. Chairman 3, 4; Basketball Scorekeeper 3, Football Scorekeeper 4; Basketball 4; May Court 4; National Honor Society.

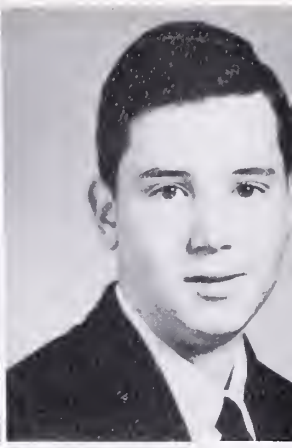


ALICE LAURA ROBINSON
Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4; FHA 2, 4, Reporter 4; Rep. to Student Council 3; May Court 4; Safety Patrol.

KATHERINE ELIZABETH SMITH
Science Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4, Sec'y. 3, Pres. 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, V-Pres. 1, Pres. 2; S.C.A. Comm. Chr. 3, 4, Student Council 3, 4; May Court 3; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Basketball Co-Capt. 4.

JANICE MARIE VAUTER
Glee Club 1; 4-H 1, 2; May Court 3, 4.

HENRY BEAZLEY VERLANDER
Glee Club 2, 3; Baseball Mgr. 2, 3; Basketball Mgr. 3, 4; Football Mgr. 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3.



WILLIAM EDWARD WARE,
Science Club 1; 4-H Club Student Council 3; S.C.A. Comm. Chr. 3; Football 3 Basketball 4; Sec'y. of Cla 4; J.V. Basketball 3; Safe Patrol 4; Annual Staff 4.

JOHN BARRY WILKERSON
Rep. to Boys' State. 3; President of S.C.A. 4; Science Club 1, Sec'y. 1; Glee Club 3, 4; Rep. to District S.C.A. Convention 2, 4; S.C.A. Comm Chr. 3; Student Council 3, 4; Cheering Squad 3, 4, Cap't 4; Sec'y of Class 3; Delegate to Va. High School Forum 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Rep. to State S.C.A. Convention 4; Pres. of Student Council 4; National Honor Society.

THELMA WILLIAMS
Glee Club 1; Library Club 4, Sec'y. 4.

MARY ELIZABETH CROWE
F.H.A. 2, Secy. 4; Science Club 1.

Young and Foolish

Bruce

"He started young."

"Kitty and Dog"

Kitty

"Funny Huh"

Nina

"Hotrod of '42"
Billy

Sandra

"Let me out."

Patricia

"Crazy Little Mamma."

Jimmy

"Well"

Duane

"Charles Atlas"

"Still the same ole laff"

Mae Lynne

John Barry

Knock-kneed Twosome

Irvin Lee

"The Baby's Gone"

David

Bette

"I'll slap you."

Too Much

Mary

Bruce Parker	BEST DISPOSITION	Patricia Lowery
John B. Wilkerson	MOST COOPERATIVE	Sandra Parker
Ray Carlton	MOST COMICAL	Mae Lynne Brooks
John B. Wilkerson	MOST INTELLIGENT	Patricia Lowery
Bruce Parker	MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	Patricia Lowery
Irvin Lee Gladding	LAZIEST	Mae Lynne Brooks
David McCloskey	MOST ENERGETIC	Lottie Elbourn

WHO'S

WHO

FRONT ROW: Lowery, Cole, Elbourn, Brooks, Parker, Gawen, Johnson. BACK ROW: Elbourn, Carlton, Wilkerson, Parker, Gladding, McCloskey.

Clarence Elbourn	BEST ATHLETE	Mae Lynne Brooks
Bruce Parker	BEST ALL-AROUND	Patricia Lowery
Irvin Lee Gladding	NEATEST	Bette Cole
Bruce Parker	MOST POLITE	Nina Gawen
John B. Wilkerson	MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT	Patricia Lowery
James Haile	MOST BASHFUL	Charlotte Johnson

FORSEE . . . "

"THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH"

As Barnum-Gaily erected its big-top we all anticipated a great show from this renowned circus troupe. For ten years now, I, as Mayor of Ultraville, had been trying to schedule a performance by this outfit, and now at last my efforts are to be rewarded. Tonight the show will go on! Won't you join us under the world's largest tent as the curtain rises on a cast largely trained at Tappahannock's Winter Garden for the past 12 years? On with the show!

"Ladies and gentlemen," cried Ringmaster, James Haile. "Welcome to 'the greatest show on earth'."

"I call your attention to ring one where you will see an amazing act of courage and fortitude when, for the first time ever, trainer Donald Croxton will allow a mouse to place its head within his gaping mouth."

"In the center ring you will see 'The flying Warriors' who have achieved world wide fame with their aerial artistry."

"Lottie Elboume, Kitty Smith, Jean Eliott, Duane Burton, Henry Verlander, and Jimmy Hutchinson will perform some of the most daring and hazardous tricks the trapeze world has ever seen."

"And in ring three, where Yo-Yo Carlton, highest paid clown in U. S. history, is performing, you will see some of the top trick riders in the U. S. This group, known as the 'High Flyers' is composed of Thelma Williams, Charlotte Johnson, Vincent Davis, and James Mitchell."

"While the next acts are performing folks," continued the Ringmaster, "let me tell you about the special side events you may find on the midway after the main performance."

"Unbelievable sights and sounds will thrill you in the freak show; it has been called the 'biggest freak in the world! Headlining this chilling spectacle is 'Irvin the Icy', billed as the living corpse, and who withstands a 10,000 volt shock without twitching his nose. In an adjoining stall one may see the only African Zulee in captivity. This amazing tribesman, David McCloskey, will startle you with his native dances."

"Mauling Mae Lynne Brooks awaits you next. Billed as the world's strongest woman her act is climaxed when she swings a two-ton elephant around her head by its snout. Bruce Parker, the only man alive to hang by his hair from the Eiffel Tower for 12 hours, will perform some of his daring lifting tests with his foot-long tresses."

"You will hear more about the side events, folks, after I direct your attention to the performers now taking their places in the three rings under the big top."

"Foremost among the world's tight-rope walkers are the team of Nina Gawen and Billy Ware. Nina is the first woman to master the tightrope wearing sling pumps.

"In the next ring, famous woman animal trainer, Sandra Parker, whose only weapons are a wet noodle and a piece of bubble gum, will surround herself with woman-eating saber-toothed tigers. Her assistant is Mary Crowe, who prods the animals with a tooth pick to infuriate them. Racing around these cages you will see Janice Vauter, top bareback rider, being pursued by Bob Balderson on a wild boar."

"Also on the midway you may witness the greatest collection of snakes ever assembled. Bette Cole and Patricia Lowery, famed wild game huntresses, will be handling the large anaconda and boa constrictors. They allow themselves to be tied into knots by these fearless women."

"The show will be climaxed, folks, when Clarence Elbourn, dare-devil, will leap 500 feet into a vat of steaming fudge, made and held by Peggy Davis and Alice Robinson. Peggy and Alice also perform as Barkers on the midway."

"Don't forget to take in these various shows, folks, as you leave the big-top," concluded the Ringmaster."

Yes, citizens of Ultraville, now you have surely witnessed THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH.

John B. Wilkerson, Mayor

"BEING IN SOUND MIND . . . . . "

BOB BALDERSON leaves after half a decade
DUANE BURTON leaves his extra weight to Earl Fortner.
RAY CARLTON, the class clown, wills his humor to Marvin Tune - in hopes!
DONALD CROXTON leaves his quiet manner to all the loud Juniors, who need it.
VINCENT DAVIS leaves his bashful ways to Benny Davis.
CLARENCE ELBOURN, who's little but mighty, leaves his untiring efforts to Walter Clay.
IRVIN LEE GLADDING leaves to Mr. Christopher's relief.
JAMES HAILE leaves nothing to repay the debt of last year.
JAMES HUTCHISON leaves!
DAVID McCLOSKEY leaves "throwing them" left and right.
JAMES MITCHELL leaves his un-assuming manner to Temple Wachsmuth.
BRUCE PARKER leaves his all-around qualities and winning ways to Jack Waring.
HENRY VERLANDER wills his team mangership to Skipper Garrett.
BILLY WARE has the will, but there just doesn't seem to be any way.
JOHN BARRY WILKERSON, whose pep and vitality are widely known, leaves these qualities to Mrs. Haley.
MAE LYNNE BROOKS has so much to leave she doesn't know where to distribute it all.
BETTE COLE leaves completely undecided.
MARY CROWE leaves her trim figure to Florence Harmon.
PEGGY DAVIS wills to Ann Durham her typing dexterity.
LOTTIE ELBOURN would like for Ellen Fleet Akers to have her debating talents. Keep 'em fuming, Ellen.
JEAN ELLIOTT leaves with a rock on her finger, and ready to roll.
NINA GAWEN leaves a roll of fat from around her enlarged waist to Linda Davis for use as a halo.
CHARLOTTE JOHNSON leaves her serene manner to Betty Burwell Dillard, who needs a little calming.
PATRICIA LOWERY wills her leadership qualities to Mary Fleet Hundley.
SANDRA PARKER, whose listlessness and timidity are well known, leaves these qualities to Charlotte Haile.
ALICE ROBINSON, the team's "catcher", leaves her mitt to Linda Coghill.
KITTY SMITH would like for Susan McCloskey to have her golden wig.
JANICE VAUTER leaves quietly.
THELMA WILLIAMS wills some of her shortness to Nancy Fry.

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9.

10.

Having fun? 2. Hungry looking bunch. 3. Ain't love grand? 4. Dancing? 5. Hey, where ya' going?

I'm bored! 7. Perched in the sun. 8. Monkey on the fence! 9. Gay ole' party. 10. Smoke eater.

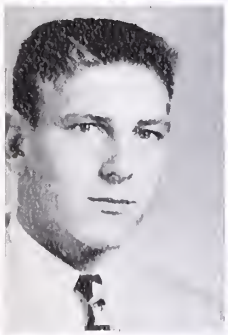
JUNIORS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Patricia Carreras, Benny Davis, Mrs. Carlton and Linda Joyce Coghill.

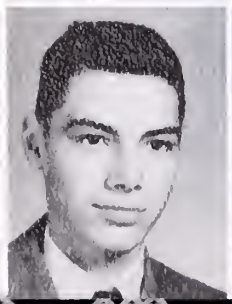
Ellen Akers
Audrey Allen

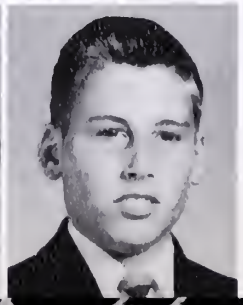
Bobby Allen
Phyllis Allen
Jo Ann Balderson
Audrey Brizendine

Evelyn Brooks
Patricia Carreras
Sally Christopher
Linda Joyce Coghill



Benny Davis
Betty Ann Dawson
Ann Durham
Jeanne Durham





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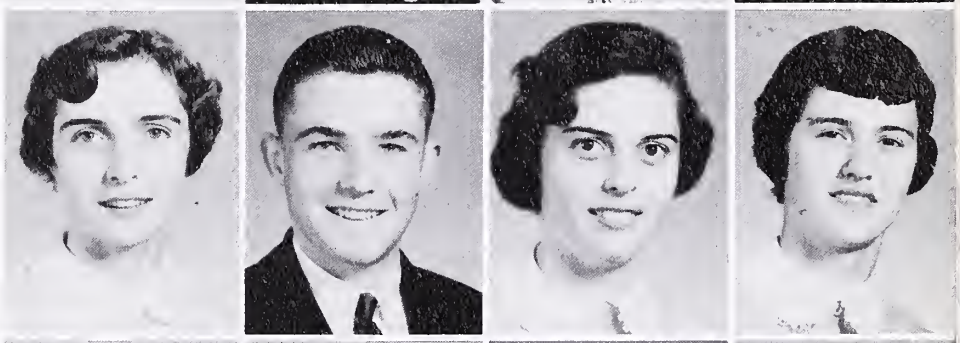

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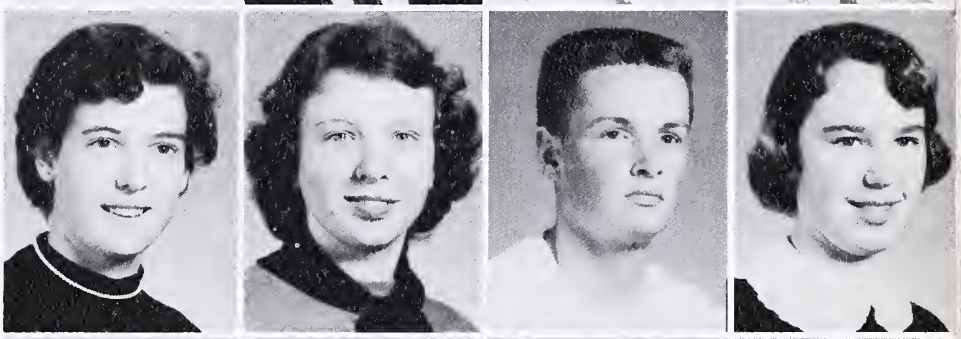

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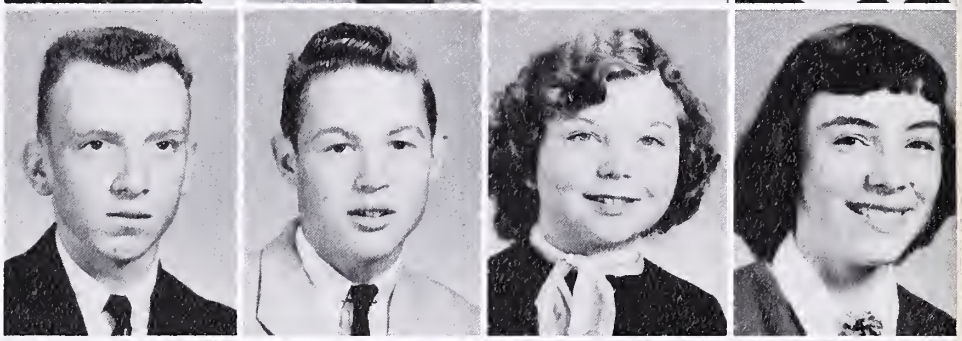

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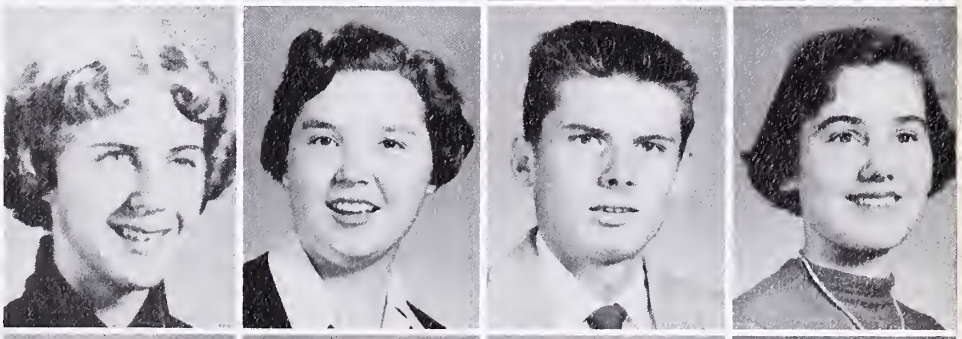

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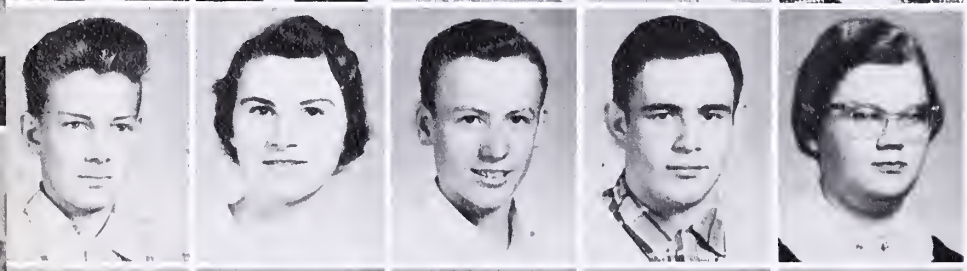

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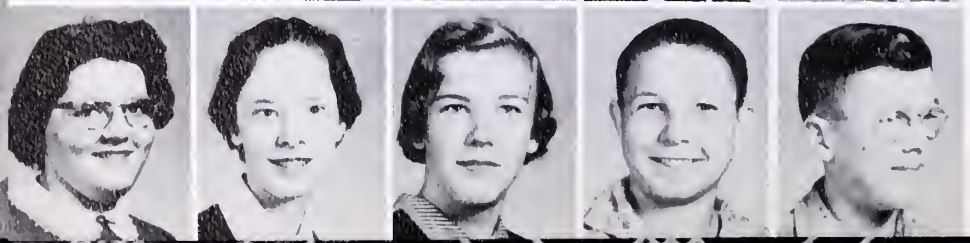

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Ray Thomas

John Toole
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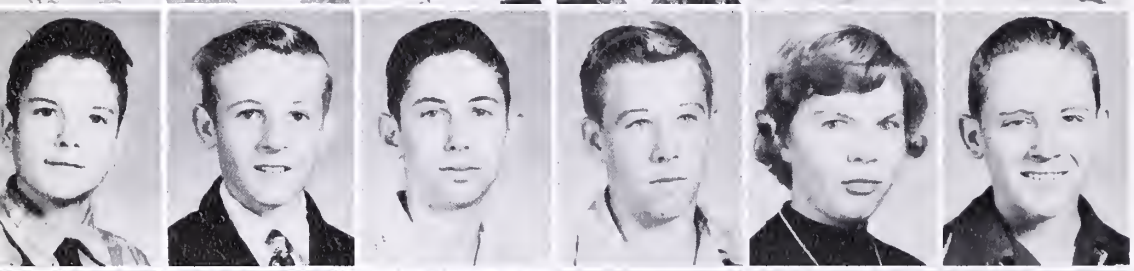

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Marvin Elbourne

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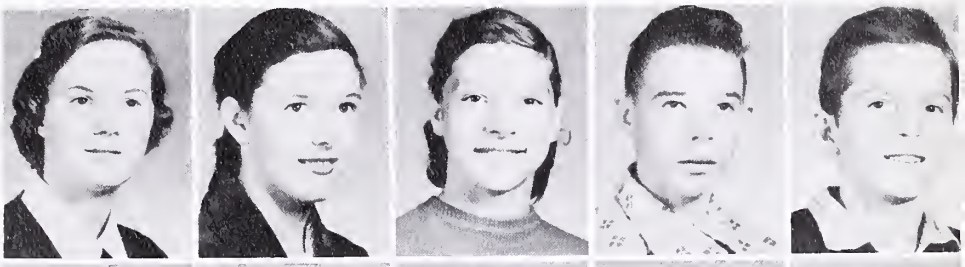

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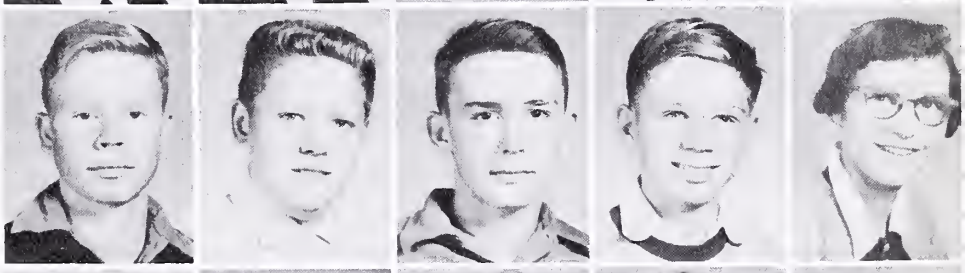

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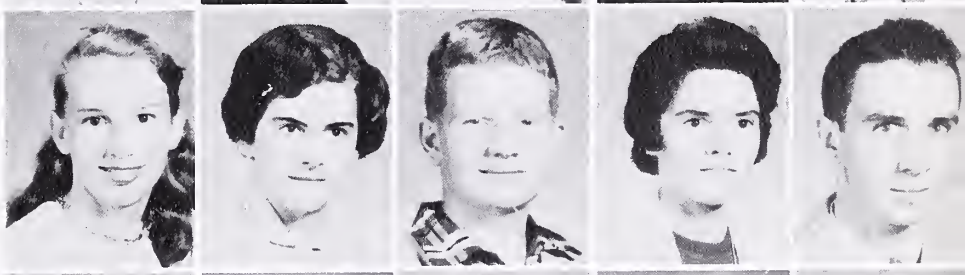

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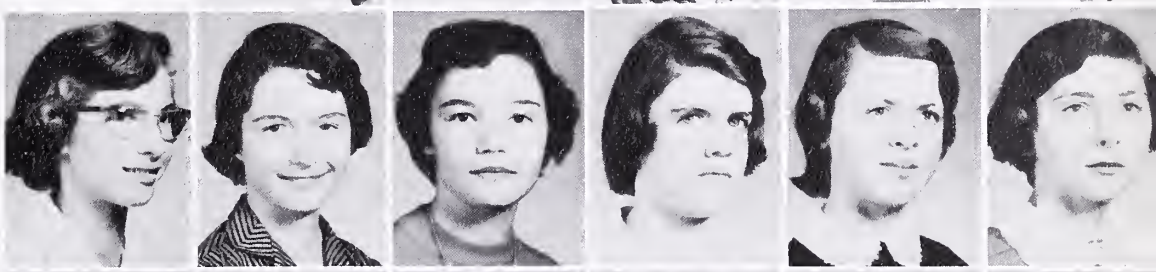

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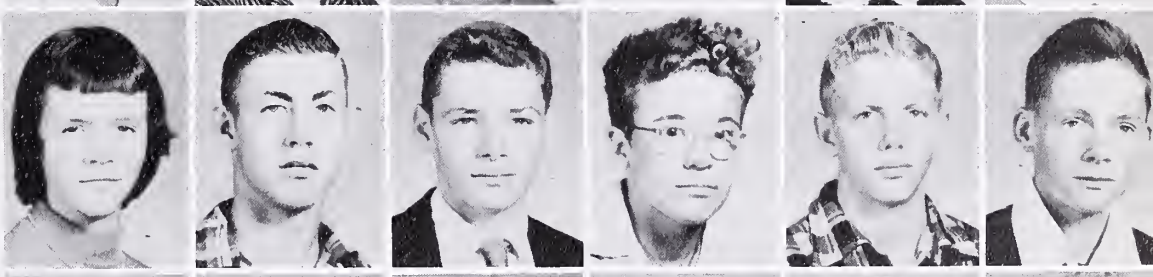

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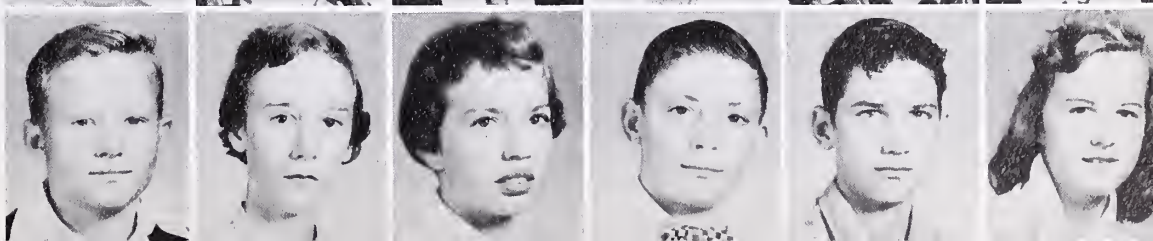

FIRST

MISS CATHERINE WARE

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SECOND

MRS. RUBY DOGGETT

Akers, Balderson, Beazley, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Davis, Davis, Davis, Dunn. Hammond, Hundley, Passagaluppi, Stoots, Taylor, Taylor, Harper, Bareford, Crowe, Gawen, Hite, Lewis, Robinson, Shearwood, Shipp, Skelton, Walker, Winder.

Balderson, Balderson, Bareford, Beazley, Brooks, Davis, Elliott, Haile, Haley, Hayden, Hutson, Lee, Linhticum, Lowery, Rennolds, Schools, Stokes, Taylor, Taylor, Courtney, Davis, Dunn, Dunn, Fields, Jones, Martin, Robinson, Schools, Skelton, Taylor, Tuck, Harper.

FIFTH

MRS. LUCY McKINNEY

Cash, Chinn, Dunn, Dunn, Langford, Lewis, Moon, Toole, Bareford, Brooks, Burton, Carreras, Crowe, Crowe, Durham, Elliott, Fogg, Haile, Jones, Jones, Lirette, Moore, Parker, Taylor, Watson, Robinson.

SIXTH

MRS. MARY DURHAM

THIRD

MRS. DOLLY SISSON

Bacon, Balderson, Barrett, Baughan, Chinn, Christopher, Elliott, Ferry, Frank, Greggs, Hughes, Johnson, Phillips, Rennolds, Shackleford, Watts, Andrews, Bareford, Bareford, Carlton, Charnock, Clanton, Dunn, Fogg, Minor. Passagaluppi, Robinson, Schools, Straight, Trible, Walker, Ware.

FOURTH

MRS. BETTY GEDDES

Balderson, Bareford, Brooks, Bryant, Carter, Clay, Davis, Davis, Haile, Lewis, Robinson, Taliaferro, Taliaferro, Taylor, Wachsmuth, Waesmuth, Weiss, Evans, Bray, Frank, Hammond, Hicks, Hodges, Jones, Kriete, Lane, Parr, Powell, Taliaferro, and Walker.

Atkins, Baughan, Baughan, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, English, Harmon, Bareford, Courtney, Dunn, Gribble, Bareford, Brizindine, Colliee, Elliott, Gilbert, Wachsmuth, Baldwin, Brooks, and Davis.

Brooks, Courtney, Davis, Davis, Evans, Flannagan, Hodges, Johnson, Jones, Kriete, Lane, Lewis, Mann, Reisinger, Ruppert, Schefflien, Turner, Pierson, Akers, Bristow, Carlton, Christopher, Crowe, Evans, Evans, Fitchett, Haile, Haile, Hardwick, Loving, Parr, Taylor, Taylor.

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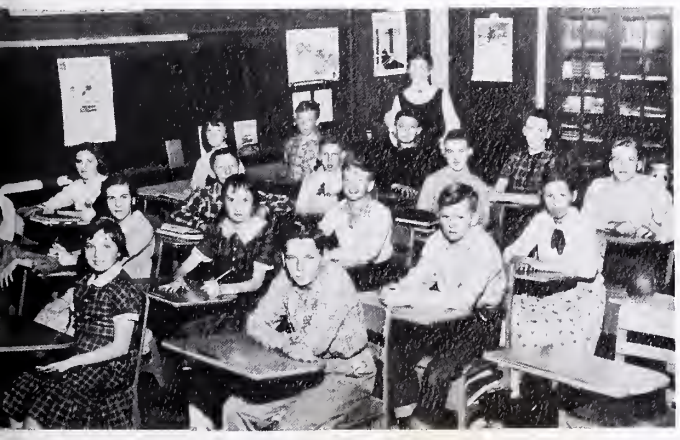

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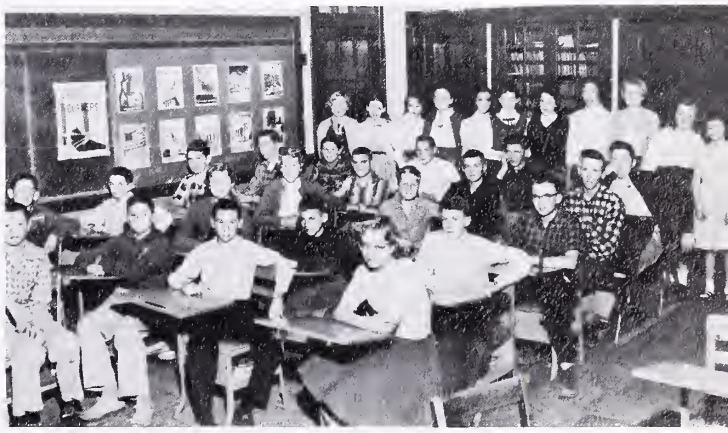


MISS ESSIE HARRISON

MAY QUEEN

ANITA BALDERSON

COURT

Peggy Davis - Patricia Lowery

Kitty Smith - Bette Cole

Janice Vauter - Jean Shackelford

Elizabeth Davis - Darinda Davis

Phyllis Owens - Mae Lynne Brooks

Nina Gawen - Shirley Elliott

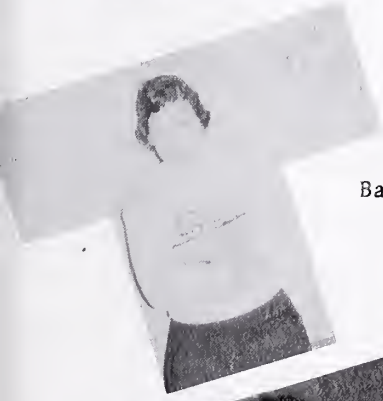
MAID OF HONOR

PATSY FOGG

CAPTAIN
John Barry

CO-CAPTAIN
Patricia

CHEERLEADERS



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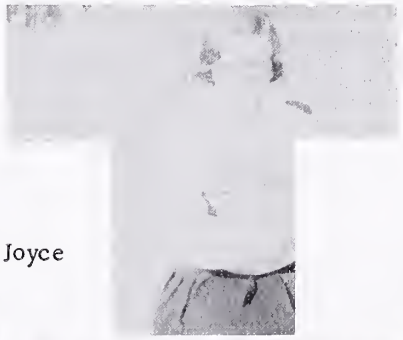

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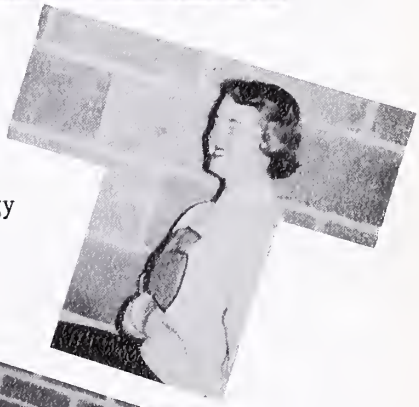

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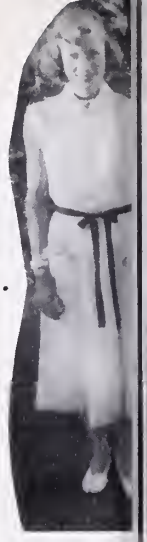

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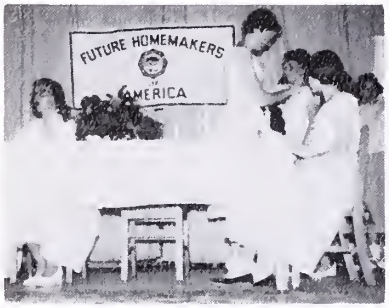

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1. Wildchilds
2. Actually taking a bath??
3. Sexy?
4. Initiation
5. What's so funny?
6. Looking Madison over
7. A bunch of long hairs
8. It doesn't bite. . . .
9. "The charge of the Light Brigade"
10. Where did you come from?

SENIOR PLAY OF '56

Directed by William E. Browne

GRANDMA'S BEST YEARS

Mrs. Abbott	Bette Cole
Sadie	Mae Lynne Brooks
Willie	John Barry Wilkerson
Shorty	Billy Ware
Marion	Nina Gawen
Dottie	Kitty Smith
Joyce	Sandra Parker
Jim	Bruce Parker
Gram	Patricia Lowery
Patch	David McCloskey
Mabel	Peggy Davis
Bubbles	Lottie Elbourn
Edwin	Irvin Lee Gladding
Mrs. Carlson	Charlotte Johnson
Miss Quelch	Mary Crowe
Cousin Oscar	Duane Burton
Promptor	Thelma Williams

S.C.A.

President . . . John Barry Wilkerson
Vice-President . . . . Bette Cole
Treasurer . . . . . John Toole
Secretary . . . Sally Christopher
Reporter . . . . Joyce Ramsey

The SCA is the recognized organization of all the students in the High School. It co-ordinates all activities and participates in the solution of student problems.

The aims and purposes of the SCA are: Citizenship, Co-operation, Health and Safety, Recreation and Self-improvement.

STUDENT COUNCIL

FIRST ROW: Hardwick, Ramsey, Cole, Wilkerson, Christopher, Toole and Gladding. SECOND ROW: McCloskey, Fry, Haile, Parker, Brooks, Gawen, Lowery, and Smith. THIRD ROW: Sutton, Mullen, McDowell and Moon.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

OFFICERS

President
Sandra Parker
V. President
Ann Durham
Secretary
Mary Crowe
Treasurer
Nina Gawen

1. The Future Homemakers of America is a national organization of pupils studying homemaking in high schools in the United States and territories.
2. Opportunities for growth of the individual both as a member of the community are afforded in the annual program of work.
3. The motto "Toward New Horizons" aptly expresses the purpose of FHA--- learning to live better today in order that our lives and those of our families may be better tomorrow.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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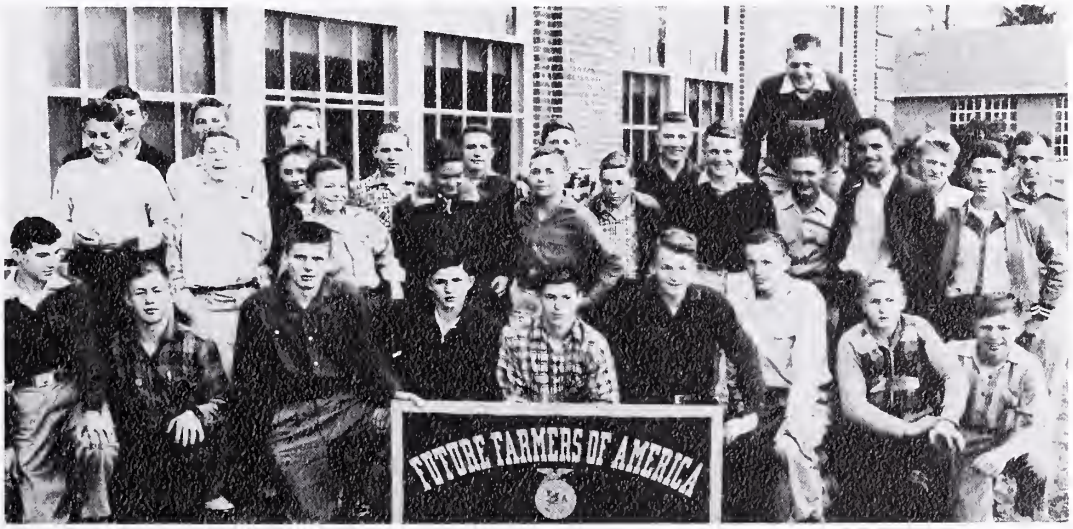


The FFA is the national organization of, by, and for boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools. Among other things, members learn through active participation, how to conduct and take part in a public meeting; to speak in public; to buy and sell co-operatively; to solve their own problems; to finance themselves; and to assume civic responsibility. Their motto is:

LEARNING TO DO
DOING TO LEARN
EARNING TO LIVE
LIVING TO SERVE

FIRST ROW: Hodges, Dowell, Cole, Capt. McCloskey, Lumpkin, Lankford, Elbourn. SECOND ROW: Chinn, Carlton, Lowery, Robinson, Davis, Davis. THIRD ROW: Ware, Blackwell, Parker, Clay, Baughan, Winder.

SAFETY PATROL

The Tappahannock High School Safety Patrol has been and will be in the years to come, the most important organization in the school.

The Safety Patrol, helps to maintain order on the buses, helps school children across the main roads or streets before and after school, helps various rooms out during a Fire Drill and many other duties.

Through the help of the Safety Patrol the school will become a safer place to be.

Captain

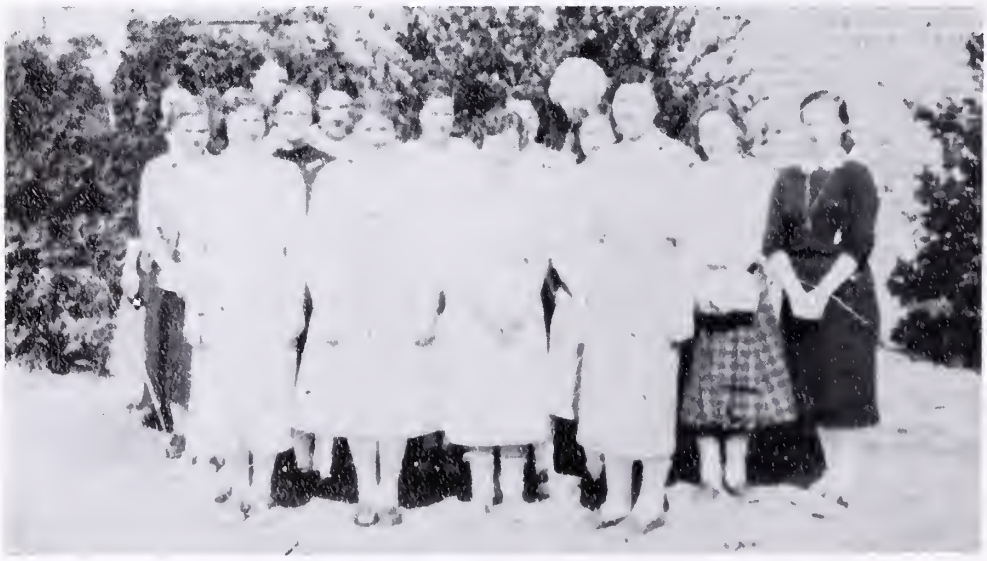
LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club enjoys good programs twice a month. These programs are furnished by outside speakers or by members of the club.

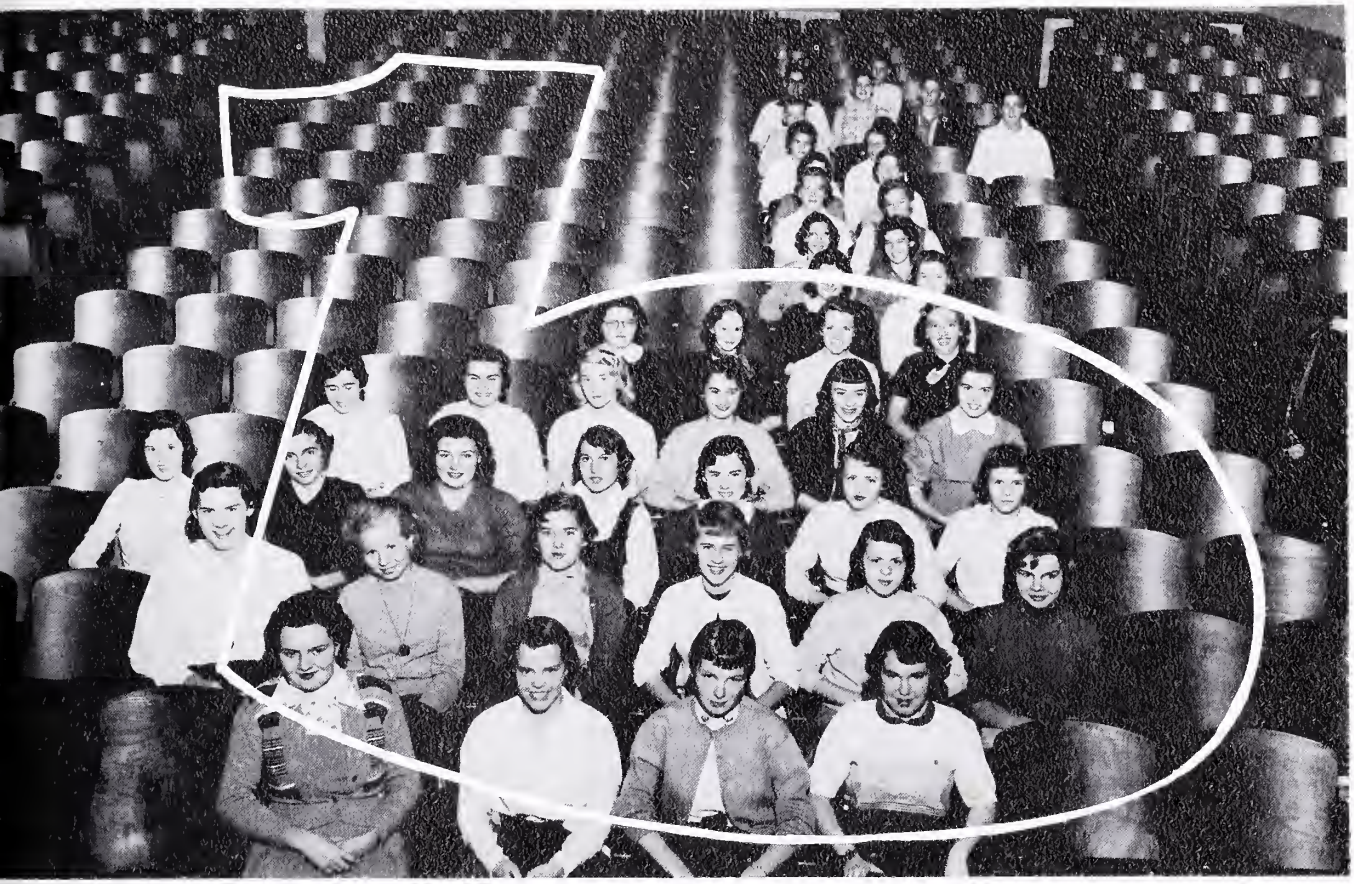
A tea was given in the library before Christmas to entertain the teachers and patrons of the school.

Once a year this club has a party for the entertainment of its members.

It is the duty of each member of the club to help in many ways to advance library service in our school.



GLEE CLUB



Love of music is universal.

Participation and growing skill in it is a happy and satisfying experience which lifts the individual to a higher level of satisfaction than is offered by most of life and there by increases the sum total of happiness.

Expression of feelings through a creative art like music is essential for the stability of the individual within himself and for his effective participation as a member of social groups.

As a socializing force, the various musical organization such as the Mixed Chorus, the Glee Clubs, Sextet and Trio offer ideal mediums through which the students can learn self-control, self-discipline and to appreciate the importance of the individual in the success of the group.

Public performances offer one of the best means the school has for furthering relations between the school and the community.

All interested and talented students are encouraged to join at least one of the performing groups.

FOOTBALL 1955-56

RAH! RAH! RAH!

FIRST ROW: D. Croxton, W. Lowery, W. Davis, C. Elbourne, C. Carreras, M. Elbourne, H. Verlanda. SECOND ROW: D. Blackwell, L. Brooks, J. Toole, B. Winder, C. Davis, M. McKinney. TOP ROW: T. Wachsmouth, D. Burton, V. Hardwick, D. McCloskey, B. Davis, B. Parker, H. Hayes, Coach Ashton.

SCORES:

TAPPAHANNOCK:		
19	Middlesex	13
13	King William	19
6	Battlefield Park	13
12	Middlesex	13
13	King George	19
0	Christ Church	27

Playing a mixed schedule of both six-man and eleven-man football, the Warriors managed only one win in six tries. Two of the eight games on the original schedule were cancelled; these were with New Kent and West Point. The only win came in the opening game and it looked as if the team was off to a better season. But although playing fairly good football in most of their remaining contests, they were never able to cash in again, losing three games by one touchdown and one by only one point.

Fullback, Benny Davis, and Halfback, Clarence Elbourn, captained the squad, which was again woefully weak in reserve strength. William Wesley Lowery at Quarter, and Lloyd Brooks at the other half gave the Warriors probably the best backfield in the last three years. The line found Harlan Hayes and Bruce Parker at ends, Meredith Pierson and Duane Burton tackles, Ed Ransone and Bobby Winder guards, and David McCloskey center. Vincent Hardwick, Temple Wachsmuth, Charles Carreras, and Elliott Smith made up most of the reserve strength.

Highlights of the year were the hard running of Fullback Davis, the consistently hard and fine play of Elbourn and Brooks, the pass-grabbing of Hayes and Parker, and the line play of all concerned, especially Burton and Ransone. Not a good year in relation to wins and losses, but certainly the best since eleven-man football was installed at Tappahannock.

BASKETBALL

Tappahannock		
22	Northumberland	13
37	Marriott	26
33	Montross	24
32	Kilmarnock	12
55	Warsaw	18
46	Saint Margarets	18
30	Oak Grove	14
39	King George	31
32	King George	37
44	Cople	24
51	Farnham	19
29	Montross (Tournament)	20
31	Northumberland (Finals)	34

The THS Girls experienced their best, yet most disappointing basketball season ever. Winning eleven of thirteen games, the girls set a new high in total victories, while running up a victory string that reached eight for the year and ten over a two season span. They did not lose a single game on their regular district schedule, finishing with a 7-0 record. They beat every team at least once and Montross twice. Yet with all of its accomplishments, did not reach its ultimate goal. Setting their sights early on what they hoped would be their second straight championship year. They marched toward it with unerring aim until ---, until the finals of the District Tournament when they lost their first game and the championship to Northumberland 34-31. Though they lost, this was a good team; a team to be proud of and one to remember. It was a veteran team, made up of mostly Juniors and Seniors. Four of the six Seniors were regulars; forwards Mae Lynne Brooks and Lottie Elbourn and guards Kitty Smith and Alice Robinson. Reserves Jean Elliott and Sandra Parker will also graduate. Juniors Sally Christopher, Patricia Carreras, Julie Langford and Barbara Jean Lumpkin figured prominently in the fine season. Mae Lynne and Kitty served as co-captains; Also Mae Lynne set a new scoring record for girls with 240 points. The most valuable? All of them together; a wonderful group, a credit to any coach, or any school.

BASKETBALL

Tappahannock		
28	Northumberland	41
27	Marriott	26
31	Montross	32
56	Kilmarnock	36
33	Warsaw	41
39	Whitestone	21
40	Oak Grove	42
41	King George	67
45	King George	44
32	Cople	26
53	Farnham	19

The Boy's basketball team did not enjoy quite the successful season that was anticipated following a championship year. Yet as a complete season it was not a bad one, as the Warriors won six of their eleven games. They missed a play-off spot in the District Tournament by the bare margin of one game. Their biggest win of the year was the 45-44 victory over Group II, King George. Starting slowly they won their last three games in a row. Having only two regulars back from last year's squad; Irvin Gladding and Benny Davis. The team found capable replacements in Bruce Parker, Duane Burton, Jackie Waring, John Toole, William Lowery, Clarence Elbourne and others to make up a twelve man squad. Gladding was top scorer with 100 points, followed by Davis. Parker, Burton, Davis, Gladding and Waring gave the Warriors top rebounding all year. Parker, Gladding, and Burton were voted Tri-Captains of the squad, and these three plus Elbourn will be lost by graduation. The remaining eight will be back to build around for the coming season.

SOFTBALL

The Girl's Softball team of THS has grown into one of the most respected sports at the school and the team itself is equally respected throughout the district. For the third straight year these girls won the District F Championship; and for the second consecutive season they remained undefeated. During the past three Springs they have run up a win streak of nineteen in a row, their last defeat coming on May Day of 1953. Seven of these wins were posted in '55, with the most impressive being the championship win over Northumberland, 16-3. Stand-outs in this win were catcher, Alice Robinson; second baseman, Virginia Loving; third baseman, Darinda Davis; and outfielders, Kitty Smith and Kitty Schools. During the regular season the above mentioned were helped no end by Barbara Taylor, Julie Langford, Helen Rowe, Charlotte Evans, Nancy Allen, Mae Lynne Brooks, Lottie Elbourne, and still others. Nancy Allen, a senior, captained the squad. Nancy, Darinda, Patsy Fogg, and Kitty Schools will not return, but it is hoped that those left will keep the cherished win streak rolling.

Tappahannock		
12	Cople	11
27	Montross	7
31	Oak Grove	2
6	Warsaw	4
10	Marriott	2
16	Northumberland	3
13	King George	11

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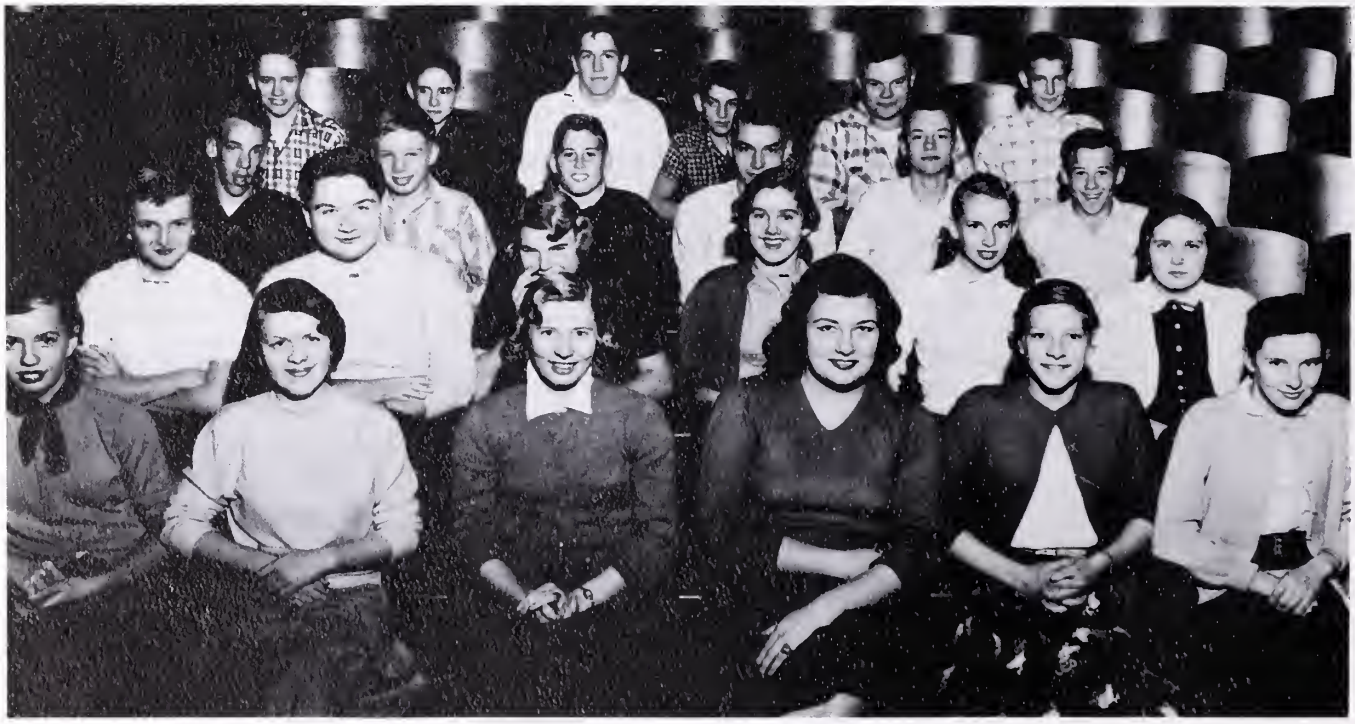

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